

REMARKS

Claims 126-150, 152-166, 168-172 and 172-179 are presented for examination.

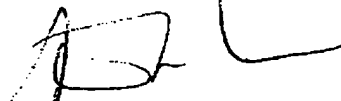
Claims 139, 165, and 171 are amended to recite that the marking is controlled using feedback from an electronic imager. Claims 177-179 are new.

Claims 126-149 and 151-164 are allowable.

Claims 139-149, 165-166, 168-172 and 174-176 are rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Rosenwasser et al. in view of Gresser et al. Neither Rosenwasser et al. nor Gresser et al. disclose the use of feedback control for microinscription of a gemstone. In contrast, the present application notes that the laser parameters may be intentionally set at a level insufficient to guaranty a marking, or at a variable level, since electronic imager feedback may be used to control the process and/or re-mark any suboptimal markings. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the amended claims clearly distinguish the art and are therefore allowable.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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